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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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INFO SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR, INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE,  
REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTER, CAMP PENDELTON PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USE KUALA LUMPUR 3935

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SREF, ICEM, CB, MY, US

SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO UNITED STATES

REF: A. STATE 158811 B. STATE 158609

1. REFTEL (A) STATES ICEM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP  
MOVE ABOUT 660 VN REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA WHO "HAVE BEEN  
ACCEPTED FOR PAROLE INTO UNITED STATES." THIS SEEMS TO  
MEAN WE DON'T HAVE TO AWAIT RESULTS FALCON CLEARNCES,  
ALTHOUGHT IT CONFLICTS WITH REF (B). PLEASE ADVISE.

2. ASSUME DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THAT THE APPROXIMATELY  
1000 NON-MUSLIM VN REFUGEES HERE ARE LOCATED ON OTHERWISE  
UNINHABITED ISLAND, 20 MILES OFF THE MALAY PENINSULA'S  
UNDERDEVELOPED EAST COAST. TO BRING THOSE PERSONS TO  
KUALA LUMPUR, WHERE THERE ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND PERSONS  
TO CONDUCT MEANINGFUL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND WHERE  
THERE IS ONLY AIRPORT THAT CAN TAKE LARGE JETS, MEANS  
A TWO HOUR BOAT RIDE FROM THE ISLAND TO SHORE (THERE IS  
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NO REGULAR SERVICE OR PORT) AND 12-14 HOUR RIDE BY BUS

OR TRUCK TO KUALA LUMPUR. ONCE IN K.L., THE LOGISTICS REQUIRED (FEEDING, HOUSING, IMMIGRATION CONTROL, INTERPRETERS) ARE FORMIDABLE.

3. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HANDLE THE APPROXIMATELY 400-600 REFUGEES WE ARE PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT. THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO K.L. IN GROUPS OF 30 TO 50 PER WEEK, RECEIVE FULL PROCESSING (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS) AND BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES IN SMALL GROUPS ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. THIS WOULD TAKE 8-10 WEEKS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CLEARANCES. ANOTHER AND BETTER ALTERNATIVE IS TO MOVE THEM QUICKLY IN GROUPS OF 200 TO 300. THIS COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY BRINGING REFUGEES TO K.L. FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE IN CHARTERED AIRCRAFT (POSSIBLY NOT WAITING FOR FALCON CLEARANCES) TO A STAGING POINT IN THE U.S. WHERE ADEQUATE FACILITIES EXIST FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

4. HEAVY MONSOON RAINS WILL SOON BEGIN ON EAST COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA WHERE REFUGEES HOUSED IN TENTS. IT IS IN OUR OWN INTERESTS AND IT IS HUMANE COURSE OF ACTION TO MOVE THEM NOW WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN RELATIVELY GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

5. WE RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US OR ICEM IMMEDIATELY TO CHARTER 707 OR DC-8'S; THAT YOU FURTHER AUTHORIZE US TO PAROLE INTO THE U.S., WITHOUT MEDICAL EXAMS OR FALCON CLEARANCES, THOSE REFUGEE FAMILIES WHO, ON THE BASIS OF OUR PRELIMINARY SCREENING SEEM TO QUALIFY UNDER PRESENT CRITERIA. (THE FEW MISTAKES WE MAY MAKE WOULD SEEM TO BE WORTH THE RISK.) IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL PROCEED TO ARRANGE IN-COUNTRY MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES WITH GOM (WE UNDERSTAND ICEM WILL ALSO PAY FOR THIS TRANSPORTATION, IF NECESSARY).

6. IF YOU CANNOT DO WHAT WE ARE ASKING, PLEASE TELL US PROMPTLY. DESPITE THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE DESCRIBED, WE WILL THEN ATTEMPT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING PEOPLE TO K.L. FOR MEDICALS AND ONWARD COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION AS FALCON CLEARANCES COME IN. THIS IS NOT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WE MUST MOVE THE REFUGEES SOON.  
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